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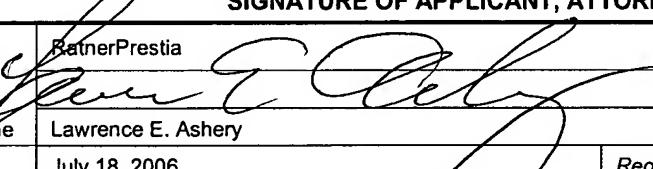
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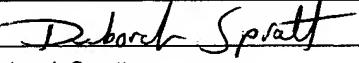
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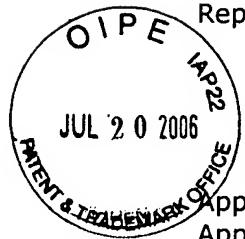
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Applicant: Hiroshi Higashitani et al.
Filed: November 20, 2003
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(AS AMENDED)
TC/A.U.: 2838
Examiner: Shawn Riley
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated **April 21, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Title** begin on page **2** of this paper.
- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **3** of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Amendments to the Abstract** are on page **10** of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page **12** of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **11** of this paper.

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Amendment to the Title:

Please replace the Title with the following:

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